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Title: The Dark Ether.

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Foreword:

I last touched upon the
subject of the Dark
Ether, in my book
"Necromancy - the Dark
Art". In that tome I
referred to the winds of
magic, and not to the
specific schools thereof, I
shall address this matter
in part, with this volume.

Allow me a moment to
recap for those unfamiliar
with my previous works:
magic draws its power
from 'winds' of ether
that travel the world in
rivers of magical energy
invisible to the untrained
eye. It is from these
rivers of magic that
those who practice the
arcane arts draw forth
their power. They draw
mana from this stream,
and use it to fuel their
spells and scrolls.

All wizards (with the
exception of elementalists)
use this method to cast
spells, and it has been in
use for millennia. It is
important when thinking
of the Winds of Magic
to realize that the rivers
themselves has no set
routes; they stream
around the realm like

loose ribbons in a gale,
rarely staying in one
place for long. Certain
areas attract the Winds
in greater quantities,
sacred sites, stone
circles, and temples. For
whatever reason these
sites focus the Winds.

The Winds of Black Magic
however are not so free
roaming. Indeed they are
often static within an
area. Places of evil,
hatred and corruption
attract this tainted
ether, and as such it can
be found anywhere where
mankind is present in
great numbers.

Not only do these places
attract the Dark Magic,
but also they fuel it. It
grows darker in darker
places, leaving its taint
on all it touches. In
sufficient concentration it
can drive men to commit
further deeds of evil,
such is its power. In
this way Dark Magic is
self-perpetuating in a way
that few other forces
are.

It is the aim of all those
who dare walk the path
to power that is shunned
by the cowardly to
harness this black ether,
for it is the only form
of energy that will power
the darkest of spells.
But with the greater
power of this form of
magic, so comes the
greater cost.

Dark Ether will not be
bound to the will of all
save the strongest Mages
and Necromancers, indeed,
many of those who delves
to deeply into its power
speak of it possessing a
consciousness of its very
own. Such an event is

not impossible, for the connection of the Dark Ether with The Void is strong indeed, who can say what power holds an interest in its use?